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PROVISIONAL SPECIFICATION.

An Aquatic Toy.

I, GEORGE HENRY HARRIS, 14, King Charles Road, Surbiton, Surrey, Baptist Minister, do hereby declare the nature of this invention to be as follows:—

5 The object of my invention is to provide a novel form of floating target, for use at the sea-side or any place of recreation where water is available.

10 The toy consists essentially in a rocking figure, preferably in the form of a sailor-man suitably weighted at its lower end and pivoted at a point somewhat below its centre, upon a metal or wooden bar, which is supported upon the surface of 15 the water by means of a circular float surrounding the figure.

20 A cord is attached to a point of the circular float at right-angles to the cross bar upon which the figure is pivoted, by which the toy may be anchored or towed,

and a trailed cord may also be attached to the opposite side of the float to assist in keeping the target steady and in such a position that the rocking figure will face 25 in the desired direction from which the missiles will be thrown.

The figure is pivoted and weighted in order that it may stand vertical in the water and yet be free to "bob" when hit, 30 and hereby recording a good shot.

The circular float is preferably painted white in imitation of a life-buoy and the figure is preferably painted a darker colour by way of contrast so as to make it an easy target at a considerable 35 distance.

Dated this 25th day of March, 1920.

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COMPLETE SPECIFICATION.

An Aquatic Toy.

40 I, GEORGE HENRY HARRIS, a British subject, of 8, Colonnade, Hawkhurst, Kent, formerly of 14, King Charles Road, Surbiton, Surrey, do hereby declare the nature of this invention and in what 45 manner the same is to be performed, to be particularly described and ascertained in and by the following statement:—

50 The object of my invention is to provide a novel form of floating target for use at the sea-side or any place of recreation where water is available.

55 The toy consists essentially in a rocking figure, weighted at its lower end and pivoted at a point somewhat below its centre upon a metal or wooden board which is supported upon the surface of the water by means of a float.

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A cord is attached to a point of the float at right angles to the cross bar upon which the figure is pivoted by which the 60 toy may be anchored or towed.

A trailed cord may also be attached to the opposite side of the float to assist in keeping the target steady and in such a position that the rocking figure will face 65 in the desired direction from which the missiles will be thrown.

The figure is pivoted and weighted in order that it may stand vertical in the water and yet be free to "bob" when hit, 70 thereby recording a good shot.

If a circular float be used it is preferably painted white in imitation of a life-buoy and the figure is preferably painted a darker colour by way of contrast so as 75

to make it an easy target at a considerable distance.

The float may be square or of any other suitable form.

5 In the accompanying drawings a floating target with a square float is illustrated by way of example.

Figure 1 being a plan with the figure upright.

10 Figure 2 a part sectional elevation, and Figure 3 a plan with the figure nearly horizontal.

In the example illustrated a figure 1 turned out of wood or of any other suitable material has a metal tube 2 passing 15 through it below the centre of the figure. A wire or rod 3 passes through the tube 2 and into a wooden board 4, which is provided at its edges with tubular floats 5, 20 conveniently of bamboo, and at or near to its centre with an aperture 4' to receive the figure. Alternatively, instead of arranging a metal tube 2 to pass through the figure, only the rod or wire may be 25 so arranged and a spacing tube of metal bamboo or the like, may be mounted on the wire or rod on each side of the figure, so that each spacing tube lies between the figure and the adjacent edge of the aperture in the board.

30 The figure 1 is weighted at 6 so that

when the toy is floating in the water the figure is held erect.

When struck by a missile it freely 35 pivots about the wire or rod 3, and automatically assumes an upright position again. A string 7 is tied to the board 4 for towing purposes, the string having a handle or stick 8 on which the string may be wound. The stick 8 may be used as a 40 missile if desired. It may be replaced by a ball.

Having now particularly described and ascertained the nature of my said invention and in what manner the same is 45 to be performed, I declare that what I claim is:--

1. A floating target comprising a figure pivotally mounted on a float so that it will "bob", relatingly to the float when 50 struck by a missile substantially as hereinbefore set forth.

2. A floating target substantially as and for the purpose hereinbefore described and as illustrated by the accompanying 55 drawings.

Dated this 29th day of December, 1920.

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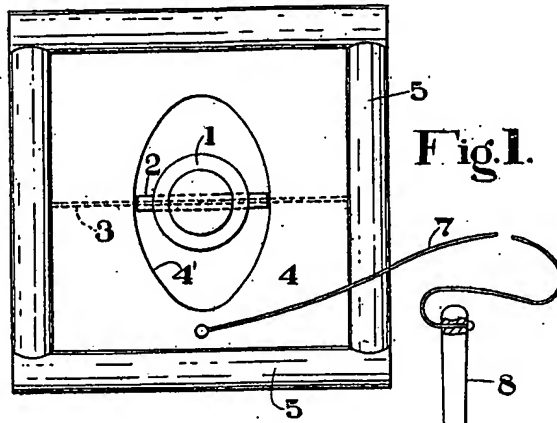


Fig. 1.

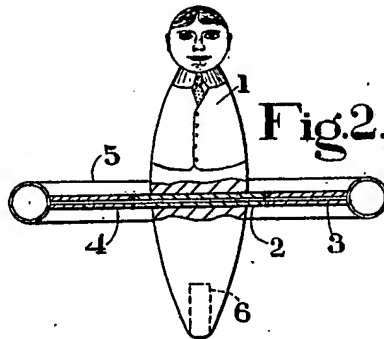


Fig. 2.

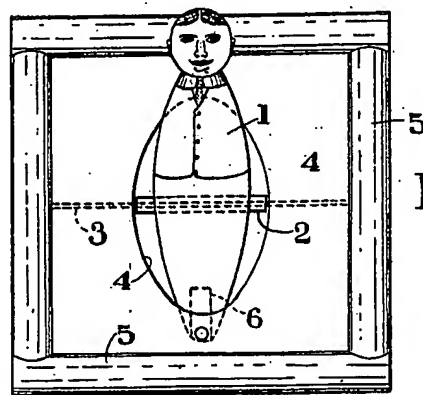


Fig. 3.